

DETAILED ACTION

The following action is in response to the amendment filed for application 10/574,535 on September 16, 2011.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to show or render obvious the power nut runner as claimed, and particularly wherein one of the two axially spaced spur gears is rigidly secured to the common spindle, and the other one of the two axially spaced spur gears is supported on the common spindle via a wringing fit for self alignment with the rigidly secured spur gear, thereby evenly sharing a load between the two axially spaced spur gears, and including the remaining structure of claim 13.

It is noted that given the context of the specification, applicant's use of the term "wringing fit" is not the same as an interference fit where the gear would in fact be attached to the spindle in a rigid manner. Rather, the "wringing fit" is more of a frictional contact that does allow play between the respective gear and spindle.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROGER PANG whose telephone number is (571)272-7096. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 4:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Le can be reached on 571-272-7092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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